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REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement of December 9, 2004, Applicants hereby elect Group I, Claims 1 drawn to a semiconductor device. Applicants have withdrawn Invention II, corresponding to Claims 2-5. This election is made without traverse as Applicants agree with the Examiner that the canceled claims are patentably distinct from the elected claims.

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